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SUBJ: GULF STATES INFORMATION MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. INFORMATION MINISTERS FROM THE GULF STATES OF SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, IRAQ, BAHRAIN, QATAR, OMAN AND THE UAE ENDED A TWO-DAY REGIONAL CONFERENCE JANUARY 4 IN ABU DHABI BY SIGNING AN AGREEMENT FOR COORDINATION OF COOPERATION IN THE INFORMATION FIELD.

2. THE UAE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURE, SAEED AL-GHAITH, OPENED THE CONFERENCE BY STATING QUOTE THE CONFERENCE IS PART OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS AIMED AT COORDINATION IN ALL FIELDS OF INFORMATION AND STEMS FROM THE FACT THE THE ROLE OF INFORMATION MEDIA IS ESSENTIAL AND BASIC IN LINKING THE PEOPLES OF THE GULF AREA UNQUOTE.

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3. IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE THE MINISTERS AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

- (1) TO JOINTLY PRODUCED RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS
- (2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCUMENTATION CENTER WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE UAE
- (3) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION TRAINING CENTER IN QATAR
- (4) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MICRO-WAVE NETWORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNESCO GUIDELINES
- (5) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GULF NEWS AGENCY WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BAHRAIN
- (6) THE EXCHANGE OF NEWS AND PROGRAMS; AND
- (7) THE HOLDING OF ANNUAL MEETINGS TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INFORMATION AGREEMENT

4. A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WAS APPOINTED AND IS EXPECTED TO MEET JANUARY 20 TO STUDY AND ADVISE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED GULF NEWS AGENCY.
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